SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will not the consumption of more vegetables lessen the consumption of foodgrains and may I know what steps the Government have taken to increase the production of vegetables?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have been taking some steps to encourage the cultivation of vegetables and also fruits.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : ராஜ்யத்தில் உண்டாகும் உணவுப் பொருளுக்கும், இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் இருக்கும் மக்களுக்கும் கணக்குப் போட்டுப் பார்த்தால், ஒரு ஆளுக்கு எவ்வளவு உணவு தேவையாக இருக்குமென்று அரசியலார் சொல்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைத்தான் நான் ஆங்கிலத்திலே சொன்னேன். ஒரு வயதுவந்த ஆளுக்கு சராசரி உணவுத் தேவை தினமொன்றுக்கு 15·3 அவுன்ஸ் என்று மதிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI K V. RAMASWAMY : If hand-pounded rice is consumed instead of milled rice, will it not lessen the quantity of foodgrains required to meet our needs?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is so and if consumption of hand-pounded rice is encouraged, it will go some way to solve the food problem.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : The Central Government has suggested to the State Government that targets of food production may be fixed for every district, village and also individual farmer. The suggestion is contained in the circular addressed by the Union Minister for Food and Agriculture to State Governments. இப்படியாக, சென்ற ஆண்டு மார்ச்சு மாதத்திலே ஒரு சர்க்குலர் வெளிவந்திருக்கிறது.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அம்மாதிரி சர்க்குலர் வந்திருக்கிறது. அதுபோன்று எத்தனையோ சர்க்குலர்கள் வந்துகொண்டே இருக்கின்றன. இதெல்லாம் "டார்கெட்" பற்றியது. ஜில்லா, கிராமம், தனி விவசாயி எவ்வளவு உணவு உற்பத்தி செய்யவேண்டும் என்பதற்கான "டார்கெட் " பற்றிய சர்க்குலர்கள் அவை.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : நமது மாநிலத்தின் நிலைமையைப்பற்றி ஆராய்ந்தறிவதற்கு ஏதாவது ஒரு குழு நியமிக்கப்பட்டதா ? அதனுடைய வேலை முடிவடைந்துவிட்டதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்திலே விவசாய உற்பத்தியைப்பற்றி இதுவரை நடைபெறுகிற வேலைகள், திட்டங்கள், திட்டங்களின் அபிவிருத்தி இவைகளை ஆராய்வதற்கும், உணவு உற்பத்தியை இன்னும் எவ்வாறு அதிகப்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்பதற்கான வழி வகைகளைக் காண்பதற்காகவும் ஒரு கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Madras Money-lenders Act, 1957

* 24 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state when the Madras Money-lenders Act, 1957, will be brought into force?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Madras Money-lenders Rules have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* for public criticism. The draft rules will be taken into consideration after the 25th March 1959. The areas in which the Act may be enforced in the beginning and the date for such enforcement are under the consideration of the Government.

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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Why was there such inordinate delay in the drafting of the rules? If I remember aright, it is more than a year since the Act was passed by the Legislature.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : That question also arose in my mind. But, Sir, the Board, in framing the rules, wanted copies of printed speeches of hon. Members made on the floor of the House in which they had made many suggestions. Copies of printed speeches were not available. We supplied the proof copies in March or April. After scrutiny of these suggestions, the Board asked for certain clarifications and the Law Department had to scrutinize them again. No doubt this has taken a longer time than usual. But this is a new Act which embraces so many activities of that section of the people.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that this Bill was introduced as early as 1955? There was a discussion in both the Houses. Then it was referred to a Joint Select Committee and it submitted a report. The Bill was again introduced in the House after sometime, after it had lapsed. To which speeches is the Hon. Minister referring? Is he referring to speeches made when the Bill was first introduced or speeches made when the Bill was re-introduced?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I was only referring to speeches made immediately before the Bill was passed into law. The Bill was passed into law in December 1957.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : May I know why copies of the speeches delivered by the Members were required by the Board, when there is the Act which gives power under various sections?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, there were certain comments and criticisms during the course of the debate on the Bill, bringing to the notice of the Government certain things. For instance, I may mention one thing regarding the fixing of the licence fee. Some Members suggested that it could be a lower rate. We accepted. Such matters the Board wanted to refer to.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that even though the Act was passed, it has not been put into operation? The result is that in the Madras City high rates are being charged and the middle class people are put to a good deal of suffering. Their need is such that they go to those people and borrow money by paying a higher rate of interest.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Now the suffering will be a matter of weeks or months.

Government Estate, Guindy

* 25 *Q.*—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to develop a portion of the Government Estate, Guindy, as a Public Park and, if so, the estimated cost of the scheme and the stage at which the matter now stands? 8-10 p.m.